



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Pollinator species, such as birds and insects, are essential partners to farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and
- WHEREAS: Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and
- WHEREAS: Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits, which are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Minnesota forests and grasslands for decades; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardships, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wild lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 17 – 23, 2013, as:

## MINNESOTA POLLINATOR WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May.



GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE